



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNIFORM BAR EXAM SECURITY POLICY
JULY 26,27 (STANDARD ADMINISTRATION)
JULY 26-28/29 (NON-STANDARD ADMINISTRATIONS)

COVID PROTOCOLS PRIOR TO THE EXAM: There are no exceptions to these requirements.

1. Applicants who are VACCINATED must have a paper or digital record of **TWO DOSES of a COVID 19 vaccine/vaccines**. (e.g. if you have a Johnson & Johnson vaccine you must have a booster) If you do not have a minimum of two doses you are subject to the same requirement as persons who are NOT vaccinated (e.g. you must request an exemption).
2. Applicants who have received accommodations and are testing at the DC Bar must upload their vaccination cards as previously instructed: <https://dcbar.org/About/Who-We-Are/COVID-Guidelines-Visitor-Policy>

REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THE EXAM: The following items are required in order to gain entry into the standard exam test site:

1. Seat Ticket (no writing on either side of seat ticket at any time)
2. Valid government-issued photo identification
3. Paper or digital copy of Covid 19 Vaccine record with at least two doses **OR**
Negative Covid 19 PCR or Antigen test that was TAKEN within the immediate past 48 hours.
Home tests will not be accepted.
4. Mask – Surgical, KN95 or KF94 preferred (**NO GATORS, KERCHIEFS etc.**)

MASK REQUIREMENT: All applicants are required to wear a mask at all times when inside the building where the test is administered, AND while standing in line to enter the building. Masks must be lowered only for the purpose of the security check when requested by security officers.

PERMITTED ITEMS FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Applicants are permitted to enter with a sweater or jacket. Applicants can also bring their own earplugs (ear muffs or headphones are not permitted for exam security purposes.) Laptop bags are permitted and must be placed under the seat. Permitted items must be brought to the exam in a clear and re-sealable plastic bag (i.e. food storage bag-- (**no plastic grocery bags, backpacks, purses, etc.**) **Applicants with accommodations can bring items not listed for which they have an accommodation (e.g. breast pumps, storage for breast milk, diabetic equip., orthopedic supports, etc.)**

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PERMITTED ITEMS

1. Government-issued photo identification and seat ticket (no writing on either side of seat ticket at any time)
2. Cellphone (Cellphones must be kept in the secure pouch which is provided at the exam for the entire day of testing. **There are no exceptions.**)
3. Feminine Hygiene Products (may be placed inside an opaque bag if preferred)
3. Small bottle of hand sanitizer and extra face masks (**no gators and no writing on disposable face mask**)
4. **Lunch. It is recommended that you bring your lunch. NOTE: There is no refrigeration available.**
5. No. 2 pencils, erasers and one small pencil sharpener
6. Highlighters are permitted.
7. Laptop, laptop bag and power cord (for MEE/MPT)
8. External mouse and/or external keyboard (wired or wireless) and mouse pad (no writing on either side)
9. Over-the-counter and prescription medications (must be in original container)
10. Foam/silicone earplugs (**recommended**)
11. Small UNOPENED package of tissues
12. Credit cards or cash (may be moved to a pocket for safekeeping once in exam room)
13. Keys (hotel and car)
14. Quiet snacks (unwrapped in clear food bag) and one beverage in a clear and re-sealable one-liter plastic bottle with all labels removed

****ANY PROHIBITED ITEM WILL BE CONFISCATED****

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT

NO electronic devices including, smart watches, calculators, cameras, fitness trackers, etc.

NO watches of any kind (there will be clocks at all test sites)

NO correction tape or correction fluid

NO mechanical pencils during any session and NO pens during any MBE session

NO wired or wireless headphones/headsets/ear buds (ordinary foam/silicone ear plugs are permitted)

NO notes, papers, books, bar review or study material in any format or media, dictionaries, or ***any other written material***

NO luggage, handbags, purses, wallets, backpacks, briefcases, etc.

NO hats, baseball caps, visors or sunglasses (religious apparel is permitted if an accommodation has been granted)

NO weapons of any kind

Applicants are expected to observe exam protocols and respectfully cooperate with staff administering the exam. Engaging in any of the prohibited behaviors is a character and fitness violation and may result in a nullification of your scores. The following conduct is expressly prohibited.

1. Violating the mask requirement by removing your mask during the exam. Masks must fully cover your nose and mouth at all times while in the building.
2. **Studying in the exam room. No paper or electronic notes may be brought and/or accessed in the exam room at any time.**
3. Using laptop computer for any non-exam purpose, such as studying, reading emails, and/or accessing any internet site.
4. Removing laptop computer from exam room during the lunch break
5. Leaving the exam room or test site during a session except to use the restroom with permission of a proctor.
6. Opening the exam materials before time is called or continuing to work after time is called.
7. Attempting to remove any of the exam materials from the room or attempting to record or reproduce any exam materials.
8. Copying or attempting to copy from another person.

By sitting for the bar exam you are acknowledging that you have read the Security Memo.